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Highlights

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LEADING THE NEWS

[U.S. to Negotiate Carbon Trades Under Climate Pact Trump Shuns](#)

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy

President Donald Trump may be withdrawing from the Paris climate agreement, but the U.S. is still going to be a force at the negotiating table as international leaders gather in Madrid next week to map out rules for carbon trading as a way to limit greenhouse gas emissions.

[Texas Chemical Plant Blast Exposes Area to Toxic Pollution](#)

By Carlos Caminada and Robert Tuttle

The explosion that left a Texas chemical plant burning and triggered the evacuation of surrounding neighborhoods is now exposing the area to toxic air pollution.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Big Energy Users Urge EU to Help Meet New Climate Goals

By Ewa Krukowska

European heavy industries like cement, steel and refining will need massive investment if the continent is to reach a goal of being carbon neutral in three decades, according to a new report.

Petroleum Product From Oil Sands Sinks After Spills, Study Finds

By James Munson

Diluted bitumen, the petroleum product carried out of Alberta's oil sands through pipelines across North America, sinks in freshwater, Canadian researchers have found.

PG&E Loses Fight Over Wildfire Policy That Led to Its Bankruptcy

By Steven Church and Mark Chediak

PG&E Corp.'s latest attempt at escaping the California policy that saddled the power giant with billions of dollars in wildfire liabilities, pushed it into bankruptcy and led to the ousting of its chief executive officer has failed.

Brazil Govt Sets Up Executive Cmte to Fight Deforestation

By Ney Hayashi

Decree signed by President Jair Bolsonaro creates the Executive Committee for Control of Illegal Deforestation and Recovery of Native Vegetation, to be led by a representative from Environment Ministry.

AIR, WATER, AND WASTE

Movie Theater Not Free of Toxic Pollution Claims, Court Rules

By Ellen M. Gilmer

A movie theater company can't dodge potential liability for chemical contamination at a California shopping center, a state appeals court ruled Nov. 27.

White House Completes Review of Ethylene Oxide Rulemaking

By Stephen Joyce

The Trump administration took another step toward launching an EPA rulemaking that could further restrict emission limits on ethylene oxide, a gas that has been shown to elevate cancer risks.

Recycling Coalition Seeks to Stop California Permitting Rule

By Emily C. Dooley

Scrap metal facilities want to stop California from possibly requiring operations that recycle cars, household appliances, and other items obtain hazardous waste permits from the state.

H&M Tests Renting Clothes Amid Rising Environmental Concern

By Anton Wilen

Hennes & Mauritz AB is testing out a clothing rental service as the fashion industry faces mounting criticism for waste and pollution.

CHEMICALS

App Lets European Shoppers Find Out About Chemical Content

By Marcus Hoy

Shoppers in Europe are getting an app to help find out if toys, clothes and other products contain chemicals that could be harmful to their health.

CLIMATE

Sasol Scores 'Own Goal' as Climate Pressure Mounts in S. Africa

By Antony Sguazzin

Sasol Ltd., South Africa's second-biggest polluter, angered some of its investors by refusing to put a resolution on its response to climate change to shareholders and could face legal challenges if it continues to refuse votes on the issue.

Venice's Future Caught Between Tourist Crowds and Rising Tides

By Dan Liefgreen

Two weeks after high tides and fierce winds produced the worst flooding in Venice in more than half a century, sirens sound about 6:30 a.m. to warn the fragile lagoon city's weary residents that "acqua alta" is arriving again.

An African Forest Is on Front-line in Fighting Climate Change

By Pauline Bax and Antony Sguazzin

When Lee White first visited the central African nation of Gabon, he believed he'd found paradise.

COURTS AND LAW

EU Nations Back Class Action Law After Diesel Emissions Scandal

By Stephen Gardner

European Union countries provisionally backed a new law that could make it easier for class actions to proceed against companies in cases similar to the Volkswagen diesel emissions scandal.

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